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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT-ELECT REQUESTS TRAINING FOR SECURITY DETAIL

REF: MEXICO 10472

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS PREPARED TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT-ELECT LOPEZ-PORTILLO TO TRAIN HIS SECURITY DETAIL IN MEXICO CITY. WE PROPOSE, HOWEVER, THAT THE TRAINING BE GIVEN BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICE OF SECURITY. AS YOU KNOW SY HAS TAKEN OVER FROM THE SECRET SERVICE THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MOST FOREIGN DIGNITARY PROTECTION. IN THIS CONNECTION A THOROUGH TRAINING PROGRAM HAS BEEN DEVELOPED. IT COULD BE READILY ADAPTED TO THE NEEDS OF LOPEZ-PORTILLO. IF YOU AGREE TO THIS COURSE OF ACTION, VIC DIKEOS, TOGETHER WITH SY ASSIST-SECRET

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ANT DIRECTOR FOR PROTECTIVE SECURITY, ED HICKEY, ARE AVAIL-

ABLE TO COME TO MEXICO NEXT WEEK TO SURVEY THE NEED AND SET UP THE PROGRAM.

2. SY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH CHRYSLER ON THE MATTER OF THE DODGES AND HAS RECEIVED A 60 TO 90 DAY DELIVERY ESTIMATE FOR THE PURSUIT MODEL USED BY CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES LOPEZ-PORTILLO MAY WISH TO

CONSIDER THE DODGE MODEL WITH THE SO-CALLED "HIGH POWER SPECIFICATIONS" AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE PURSUIT MODEL SINCE IT ALSO HAS ALL THE SPEED, POWER, AND MANEUVERABILITY ADVANTAGES BUT DOES NOT HAVE OBVIOUS POLICE CAR APPEARANCE. MEXICANS SHOULD BE CAUTIONED AGAINST IMMEDIATE DECISION TO PLACE ORDER FOR ALL SEDAN MODELS SINCE STATION WAGON MODELS ARE CONSIDERED SUPERIOR VEHICLES FOR FOLLOW-CAR PURPOSES. (THE REAR WELL COUPLED WITH BACK OPENING WINDOW GIVES A COMBINATION OF SPACE AND WIDE FIELD OF FIRE THAT ENABLES THE EFFECTIVE STORAGE AND USE OF A VARIETY OF WEAPONS BY A NUMBER OF AGENTS.)

- 3. WE DO NOT SEE ANY REQUIREMENT FOR REIMBURSEMENT BY MEXICANS FOR THE TRAINING PROGRAM.
- 4. YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY THE ABOVE INFORMATION THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS TO LOPEZ-PORTILLO'S REPRESENTATIVES IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION TO THIS PROPOSAL. PLEASE LET US KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF AND WHEN DIKEOS AND HICKEY SHOULD PLAN TO TRAVEL. ROBINSON

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